

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A closure for a bottle defining a cavity opening to a mouth, the closure comprising:

a closure body having a base portion configured to engage the bottle with the closure body positioned over the mouth;

a liquid passageway defined by the base portion and extending at least partially therethrough; and

a connector disposed on the closure body and adapted to allow the closure body to be detachably connected to an object.

2. The closure of claim 1, wherein the connector is located on the closure body to extend generally outwardly away from the bottle.

3. The closure of claim 2, wherein the connector is generally symmetrically aligned about a longitudinal axis of the bottle.

4. The closure of claim 1, wherein the connector is a snap hook.

5. The closure of claim 1, wherein the snap hook is integrally formed with the closure body.

6. The closure of claim 4, wherein the closure body and the snap hook are formed by a polymer, a portion of the snap hook having a sufficiently thin cross-section to allow the portion to be deflected.

7. The closure of claim 4, wherein the snap hook includes a lateral support member that is connected to opposing lateral sides of the snap hook and to a surface of the closure body that supports the snap hook.

8. The closure of claim 1, wherein the connector is a U-shaped member having first and second legs, the first leg being pivotably connected to the closure body and the second leg being detachably engageable with the closure body.

9. The closure of claim 8, wherein the connector incorporates a bolt clip that is configured to detachably engage the closure body.

10. The closure of claim 1, further comprising:
a drinking spout disposed on the base portion of the closure body and forming at least part of the liquid passageway;

the closure body including a lid that is moveably connected to the base portion for motion between a first position, in which the lid engages the base portion and prevents access to the drinking spout, and a second position, in which the lid is at least partially disengaged from the base portion to allow access to the

drinking spout.

11. The closure of claim 10, wherein the drinking spout is a tube.

12. The closure of claim 10, wherein the drinking spout is a pull top drinking spout.

13. The closure of claim 10, wherein the drinking spout is formed by part of a straw.

14. The closure of claim 10, wherein the drinking spout is a rotatable tube.

15. The closure of claim 10, wherein a surface of the lid, which faces the base portion when the lid is in the first position, seals the drinking spout while in the first position.

16. The closure of claim 15, wherein the surface includes a seal which substantially prevents fluid flow from the bottle past the lid when the lid is in the first position.

17. The closure of claim 10, wherein the closure further comprises an annular envelope adapted to receive a portion of the bottle defining the mouth

therein.

18. The closure of claim 17, wherein the closure further comprises a seal located within the envelope to generally reduce any liquid transfer between the closure body and the bottle.

19. The closure of claim 17, wherein the annular envelope includes at least one thread for engaging the bottle.

20. The closure of claim 17, further including an annular shroud adapted to cover any interface between the annular envelope and the bottle.

21. The closure of claim 20, wherein the closure body further comprises a latch for detachably securing the lid in the first position.

22. The closure of claim 21, wherein the annular shroud further comprises a depressible section that releases the latch to allow the lid to be moved from the first position.

23. The closure of claim 1, further comprising a thermal energy storage member detachably connected to the base portion of the closure body, wherein the base portion is configured to support the thermal energy storage member within the

cavity of the bottle when the base portion is engaged with the bottle.

24. The closure of claim 10, wherein the lid and connector are rotatable about a central closure axis regardless of whether the lid is in the first or second position.

25. The closure of claim 24, wherein the base portion includes a first part that is adapted to engage the bottle and a second part that is rotationally connected to the first part.

26. The closure of claim 25, wherein the second part of the base portion is rotationally connected to the first part via the drinking spout.

27. The closure of claim 8, wherein the connector incorporates a fastener on the second leg that is configured to detachably engage the closure body.